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The following is a summary of information on Soviet and East German military activities received prior to 21 November 1955:

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A. General

Recruit training was conducted in installations and on post training grounds. Firing exercises by individual tanks were carried out at Letzling Heath. The annual troop rotation program continued. Tank shipments from the USSR were resumed.

B. Movements

- Two movements of tank practice firing details were noted: on 31 October from Hillersleben to Peitz and on 21 November from Rosslau to Haldensleben.
- On 9 November 25 BA-64 armored scout cars were loaded on flatcars at Doeberitz.
- The following tank shipments from the Soviet Union were noted:

| Date | Routing | Cars |
|------------|--------------------------|---|
| 4 November | Brest Litovsk-Klotzsche | 2 converted boxcars 17 flatcars, 6-axle |
| 6 November | Brest Litovsk-Wittenberg | 2 converted boxcars 17 flatcars (load exceeding standard measurements) |
| 9 November | Frankfurt/Oder-Vogelsand | 1 converted boxcar 21 flatcars |

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| <u>Date</u> | <u>Routing</u> | <u>Cars</u> |
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| 13 November | Brest Litovsk-Neustrelitz | 2 converted boxcars 22 flatcars, 6-axle |

C. East German Military Activity

1. Except for small arms record firing on ranges and employment in gathering the harvest, the KVP remained within garrison. Officer candidate examinations were held and discharges granted at Pinnow and Altwarp.
2. Combat groups (Kampfgruppen) received instruction in the light machine gun. This is the first report of this type of training.

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